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### VESTABURG

Mrs. Hattie Lane spent Saturday in Alma.  
Miss Inez Reed spent Friday in Edmore.  
Mrs. Sam Dopp returned to Saginaw Tuesday morning.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Thurlby went to Saginaw Sunday.  
John Delaney went to Grand Rapids Sunday evening.  
Charlie Rhoades returned from Nessen Sunday evening.  
Frank Miller of Stanton was in town on business Tuesday.  
Thomas Meddick and Fred Reader were in Elm Hall Thursday.  
County Clerk Taylor of Stanton called on Wm. Caris Saturday.  
The Vestaburg band was in Ithaca this week playing for the fair.  
Earl Faught of Wagerville spent the week here visiting old friends.  
Homer Stites returned from Merrill Friday to visit his parents a few days.  
Henry Manley went to Ithaca Monday morning to spend a week at the fair.  
M. J. Briggs, wife and son, Malon, visited George Sherwood at McBride Sunday.  
Leon Briggs and Edwin McDole visited friends in Morley over Saturday and Sunday.  
Mrs. John Horton is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Gormley of Metamora, Ohio.  
Miss Viva Marvin spent the weekend in Ferris with her mother, Mrs. Jollie Hare.  
Mrs. Wright of Bad Axe came on Thursday to visit her daughter, Mrs. T. Meddick.  
Mrs. Fred Howay and niece, Miss Vica Lance, went to Ithaca Monday to visit relatives.  
Mrs. Lucy Otterbein and niece, Audrey Tanner, returned to their home in Mendon Wednesday.  
Mrs. Burnham returned to her home in Hubbardtown Thursday after visiting her son, Fred Cornell.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown of Riverdale spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Worden of Wheeler came Saturday to visit his brother, Glen and other relatives.  
Miss Mildred Gear, who has been spending the past week in Ithaca, returned home Saturday evening.  
Mrs. Lizzie Bentley and children of Perrinton were Sunday guests of her mother, Mrs. Mary Brown.  
Mrs. Bertha Ziegler and daughter, Mary, of Grand Rapids, who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ida Brown, returned home Tuesday.

### Elm Hall Items

Mrs. Follick moved to Riverdale on Thursday.  
W. H. Earles of Lansing was in town Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Seymore Arria spent Sunday in Belding.  
Mrs. Olive Joseph is visiting her parents in Hesperia.  
Frank Croton moved into Mrs. Follick's house Thursday.  
Herbert Maxham of Austett, Ga., is calling on old friends.  
Mrs. Mary La Voy and daughter, Minnie, were in Alma Wednesday.  
Cleon Hoover and family of Stockbridge were callers in town Saturday.  
Mrs. Sarah Bailey of Elwell spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Alice Botcher.  
Miss Stella Anger spent Saturday with her friend, Helen Williams, of Riverdale.  
Mrs. Walter Miller of Wilson, N. Y., is visiting her parents, F. M. Martin and wife.  
Mrs. Emma Allen of Detroit is vis-

Mrs. Wm. Piffer went to Edmore Saturday to take care of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Conley, who is sick.  
Miss Gladys Harris has returned from Lansing where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Edna Jones.  
Ed. Harding motored to Remus on Sunday to get his wife who has been visiting her sister since Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. Gorsuch and son, Charlie, are in Archbold, Ohio attending the reunion of the Gorsuch family.  
Howard Nickerson went to Grand Rapids Wednesday and purchased a new drum and returned home Thursday.  
Miss Vica Lance came Saturday to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harrington and aunt, Mrs. F. Howay.  
Miss Theresa Cox of Saginaw came Sunday evening to visit her grandmother, Mrs. M. Malloy and other relatives.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bush and daughter, Bernice, of Gobleville are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Emory Howard.  
Dan Caris and niece, Miss Jessie Caris, left Saturday for Portage, O., to attend the annual reunion of the Hemminger relatives.  
Mesdames F. Murphy and Ethel Marlin went to Ithaca Monday morning to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vance.  
Miss Jessie McCalman returned to her home in Saginaw Wednesday after a five weeks' visit with her aunt, Mrs. M. Walker and friends in Ferris.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Hodgman and daughter and her friend of Bloomingdale were guests of Mr. and Mrs. U. R. Hicks from Saturday until Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jason Crow of Frontier, Mich., who have been spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green, returned to their home Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Harvey and son, Lloyd, of Chicago, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Ellen Nevills since Tuesday went to Alma Saturday to visit relatives.  
The funeral of the six-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hartman of St. Louis was held at the Disciple church Saturday afternoon at two. Burial took place in the Vestaburg cemetery.  
The business men of Riverdale and Vestaburg played ball at Bass Lake Friday and Riverdale was defeated by a score of 9 to 4. After the ball game a very pleasant time was had visiting and a fine supper was served by the aid society of the Disciple church.

### RIVERDALE

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Owen spent Sunday in Edmore.  
Mr. Reuben Harrington spent Sunday in Edmore.  
Wm. Wilcox of Alma was in town Thursday on business.  
Fred Roland of Alma was in town Thursday on business.  
Lewis Hudson is visiting relatives in Lakeview this week.  
Mr. James Metcalf of Sumner was a Riverdale caller Friday.  
Misses Ethel and Elsie Markham spent Friday at Rock Lake.  
Allen Highfield and Tom Morton were Edmore callers Tuesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown visited relatives in Greenville Sunday.  
Miss Grace Guilds is spending a week in Saginaw with relatives.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson were Detroit visitors Wednesday and Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith visited relatives in Alma for a few days last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Booth of Sumner called on friends in Riverdale Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fowler of Sumner were Riverdale visitors Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Loyce spent Sunday with relatives north of Riverdale.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Brownridge were guests of Mrs. L. A. Carmer's Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Manley of Vestaburg.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reynolds visited friends in Detroit last Thursday and Friday.  
The Misses Pauline and Esther Horton spent Sunday with relatives in Cedar Lake.  
Mrs. Mary Hyde returned home on Friday evening from her two weeks' visit in Ohio.  
Miss Axie Langdon of Alma is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. La May.  
Mr. and Mrs. Casper Sutton and children spent Sunday at Bass Lake with relatives.  
Miss Leta Carmer and Opie Wyeth spent Friday in Vestaburg the guests of Miss Inez Reid.  
Mr. W. Grindstaff of Cedar Lake spent several days of last week with friends in Riverdale.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charley Nunn and son, Robert, were Sunday guests of friends at Breckenridge.  
Miss Jean McDonald of Saginaw is spending several weeks with her friend, Miss Francis Looker.  
Mrs. Jay Nickerson, of Ithaca is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mathews.  
Floyd Luchini of Alma brought a load of young fellows over to the skating rink Saturday evening.  
Leo Goings of Mt. Pleasant is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Goings, east of town.  
Mrs. S. C. Noble returned to her home in Winn last Tuesday after a week's visit with Mrs. L. A. Carmer.  
Mrs. Wm. Pidcock and daughter, Lila, of Breckenridge spent Thursday and Friday as guests of Mrs. R. Leonard.  
Vestaburg and Riverdale business men played ball at Rock Lake Friday afternoon. Score 9 to 4 in favor of Vestaburg.  
S. W. Birdsall, of Elm Hall has purchased the new residence built by Willard Rowley, and expects to move here shortly.

### Davis District

Mr. O. Brooks raised a barn Saturday 36x56 feet.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutchinson were callers in Perrinton and Pompei Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Beard spent last week visiting friends in Ionia and Montcalm counties.  
The first mile west of the Davis

### GOING TO FIGHT FOR FRANCE

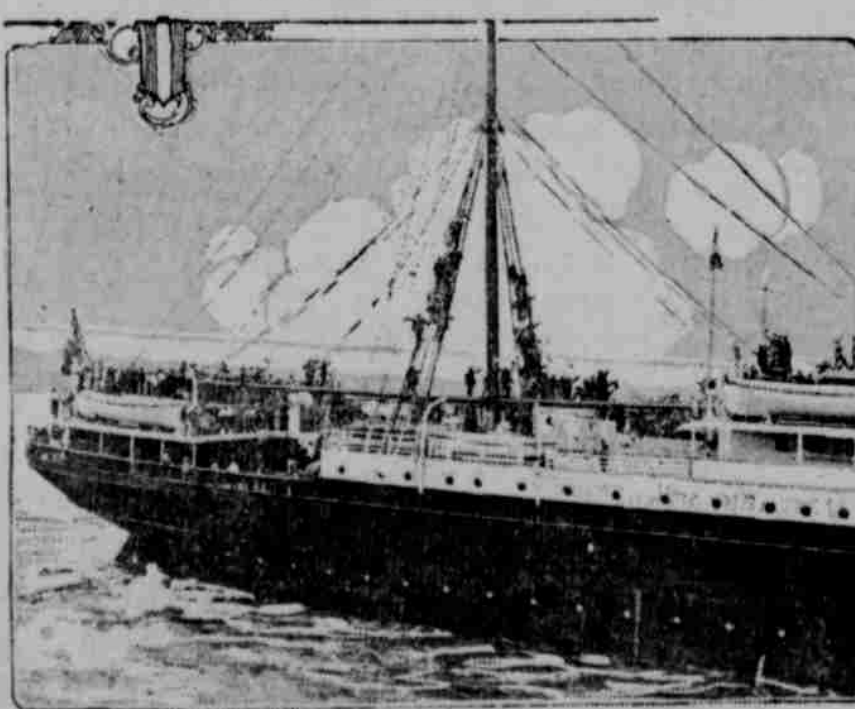


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French reservists sailing from New York for service against Germany.

### STACKING WHEAT.

Government experts declare that when the wheat is in stack "sweating" improves the color, condition, test weight of the grain and milling and baking qualities. Stacking is particularly important when thrashing cannot be done soon after the cutting, because it affords better protection at once.  
Different practices are in use. In the east wheat is usually stacked outside or stored in mows as soon as dried out in the shock. It is then allowed to remain a few weeks or months until thrashing can be done. Thrashing directly from the shock is a more common practice in the west. The cost of thrashing from the shock is generally somewhat less than the cost of stacking and thrashing from the stack. The farmer who does not have sufficient storage space for shock thrashed grain usually finds it advantageous to stack his crop.—American Agriculturist.

### SAFEGUARD THE FARM WELL.

Pollution From Well Water Is a Menace to Be Guarded Against.  
Farm wells, according to the United States department of agriculture, are often polluted from local sources. They are often located for convenience near the barn or stable, or close to the back door, out of which household slops are thrown. The soil surrounding the well becomes saturated with organic filth and allows the surface water percolating through it to carry contamination into the well.  
The curbing or covering is often loosely constructed of boards, permitting small animals and vermin to fall into the well, and surface water carrying filth and manure, especially after rains, runs into the well from the top.  
Both deep and shallow wells are subject to contamination. Of 177 deep and 411 shallow farm wells examined in Indiana 116 of the deep well waters were of good quality, forty-five were bad and sixteen were doubtful; 150 of the shallow well waters were good, 240 were very bad and forty-three were doubtful.  
The safety of water supplies when near sources of possible surface pollution often depends largely on the character and quality of the material in which the well is sunk.  
The farm well, especially a shallow dug well, should be located somewhat above the barn yards and stock pens, at least in such a position that the surface drainage from all possible sources of contamination is away from the well. If local conditions and prices will permit it is a good idea to provide impervious floors with watertight drains for farm buildings and stock pens. Under the same conditions concrete manure pits might well be provided not only to prevent the liquid manure from polluting the neighboring soil, but to save the manure. No garbage, manure or rubbish should be dumped into sinks or basins in the immediate neighborhood, and these should be fenced off and kept free from polluting matter.

### Combination Barrow Cart.

This is neither a wheelbarrow nor a cart, but does the work of both. It is made of boards one inch thick. Piece 1 is twenty-eight inches wide at the top, fourteen inches deep and fourteen inches wide at the bottom. Both sides are tapered equally. Piece 2 is twenty-two inches long. The opposite sides are made the same, which, together with a bottom, complete the body.  
Plow handles are attached as illustrated. Any strong pair of wheels will



EASY TO PULL.

do. I used wheels from an old gunnys distributor. They are eighteen inches high. A piece of bent iron keeps the cart upright when the handles are released.  
This barrow is roomy and light and balances well. It is easy to pull and does not require much strength to keep it from turning over.—Farm and Fireside.

### MIDSUMMER FARM WISDOM

It is all right to cut over the alder patches every year or two, but it is far better to root those alders out.  
This is the time of the year when you get interest on the money you invested in the harrow. See that you miss none of it.  
Drain off the mudholes, screen the rain barrels, kerosene the swamps, and there will be practically no mosquitoes in your neighborhood.  
Better bridges are needed in many localities nowadays—strong enough to hold up the heavy modern traction engines that are becoming so common.  
If your grain is capped after a heavy rain take the top bundles off so that the sunshine and wind can dry the shocks. This may save a lot of spoiled grain.  
How to treat land that is too wet for crops and not easily drained: Plow it in a very dry time, thoroughly harrow and seed to redtop (bird's grass) and alsike clover.

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From left to right, Kaiser Wilhelm, Crown Prince Frederick William, Prince William Eitel Frederick, Prince Adalbert, Prince August, Prince Oscar and Prince Joachim.